

## STATE OF TENNESSEE

## COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

**BE IT REMEMBERED THAT**, the Monthly Session of the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners began and was held in and for the aforementioned State and County on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016 A.D. at 6:30 P.M., at the Jefferson County Courthouse in Dandridge, Tennessee. Present and Presiding were Chairman Jimmy Carmichael; County Clerk Frank Herndon; and the following County Commissioners answering to Roll Call Docket Page 281 to-wit: Katy Huffaker, Todd Kesterson, Steve Douglas, David Gaut, Randy Baxley, Rita Musick, Donnie Tabor, John McGraw, Russell Turner, Tim Seals, Sammy Solomon, Robert Blevins, Ralph “Gene” Eslinger, Randy Bales, John Neal Scarlett, Robert Tucker, David Seal, Bob Beeler, and Barbara Sheets. Twenty (20) members were present one (1) was absent: Terry Dockery.

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jimmy Carmichael. An invocation was given by Chaplain Donnie Tabor, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Jimmy Carmichael.

**NOMINATIONS & ELECTION OF COUNTY COMMISSION OFFICERS**

1. Chair – Commissioner Seal nominated Commissioner Carmichael, Commissioner Bales nominated Commissioner Tucker, Commissioner Sheets moved to cease nominations Commissioner McGraw provided a second. A Roll Call vote was taken and Commissioner Carmichael was elected Chair.

Carmichael – 11: Huffaker, Douglas, Baxley, Musick, McGraw, Solomon, Scarlett, Carmichael, Seal, Beeler, and Sheets

Tucker – 8: Kesterson, Gaut, Tabor, Seals, Blevins, Eslinger, Bales, and Tucker  
Commissioner Turner Abstained.

2. Chair Pro Tempore – Commissioner Huffaker nominated Commissioner Kesterson, Commissioner Solomon moved to cease nominations, seconded by Commissioner McGraw. With no other nominations Commissioner Kesterson was elected Chair Pro Tempore by acclamation.
3. Parliamentarian – Commissioner Baxley nominated Commissioner Scarlett, Commissioner Gaut nominated Commissioner Tucker. Commissioner McGraw moved to cease nominations, Commissioner Solomon provided a second, a Roll Call vote was taken and Commissioner Scarlett was elected Parliamentarian.

Scarlett – 18: Huffaker, Kesterson, Douglas, Baxley, Musick, Tabor, McGraw, Seals, Solomon, Blevins, Eslinger, Bales, Scarlett, Tucker, Carmichael, Seal, Beeler, and Sheets.

Tucker – 1: Gaut.

Commissioner Turner Abstained.

4. Chaplain – Commissioner Baxley nominated Commissioner Tabor, Commissioner Seal nominated Commissioner McGraw, Commissioner Seals moved to cease nominations, Commissioner Kesterson provided a second. A Roll Call vote was taken 10-9, after the vote, and at the request of Commissioner McGraw, Commissioner Seal withdrew Commissioner McGraw’s name and Commissioner Tabor was elected Chaplain.

Tabor – 10: Douglas, Gaut, Baxley, Musick, McGraw, Seals, Solomon, Scarlett, Tucker, and Carmichael.

McGraw – 9: Huffaker, Kesterson, Tabor, Blevins, Eslinger, Bales, Seal, Beeler, and Sheets.

Commissioner Turner Abstained.

**APPROVAL & CORRECTIONS OF THE AGENDA:**

With no corrections or objections voiced, the agenda was **approved** as presented.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

Commissioner Turner moved to amend the minutes of the July 18, 2016 meeting under “Reports of Committees, Boards, & Commissions:” to correct an omission on the Facilities Committee’s report, Amending Paragraph C that currently reads: “Commissioner Turner stated that the Facilities Committee unanimously recommends the renaming of the Jefferson County Archives Office.” to read: “Commissioner Turner stated that the Facilities Committee unanimously recommends the renaming of the Jefferson County Archives Office to “Jefferson County Archives and The Lu Hinchey Genealogical Center”.” Commissioner McGraw seconded the motion and without objection the amendment was **approved**. Commissioner Kesterson moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Monthly Session, July 18, 2016 as amended. Commissioner McGraw seconded the motion and the minutes were **approved** with no objections voiced.

#### **APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS:**

None.

#### **APPROVAL OF NOTARIES & BONDS:**

Commissioner Seals moved to approve the list of notaries as presented, Commissioner Scarlett seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, the motion **carried**, and the below named applicants for Notary Public were **approved** provided the proper bonds or property affidavits are filed in the office of the County Clerk.

April Nicole Brown	Carol M Broderek	Carolyn T Bugg	Casey Brianna Maples
Darla E Pratt	Christine R Hawkins	Donna Banks	Gerald David Lockhart
Jacqueline F Ramsey	James R Scroggins	Jennifer L Buckner	Jewell B Hux
Jules Dianna Tuttle	Julie P Goss	Katie A Cook	Kayla M Parvin
Kenneth Jarnigan	Marian G Carrier	Matt Coughlin	Michael D Scott
Michael V Scarantino	Michelle Hodge	Michelle D Brown	Michelle Leigh Templin
Nancy Brady Fisher	Nathaniel Craig Strand	Patricia A Levalley	Patricia A Livesay
Rachael Fleming	Robin Benay Taylor	Sandra Dockins	Steven Douglas Drinnon
Susan K Hendricks	Tina Diane Hodges		

#### **REPORTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS, DEPARTMENT HEADS, AND OTHER OFFICIALS:**

- A. County Mayor, Alan Palmieri  
No Report.
- B. Chamber of Commerce President & CEO, Darrell Helton  
August 2016 Report: Presented.
- C. Finance Director Langdon Potts
  - 1. Schools Resolution 2016-38, Surplus to Dispose: Technology Dept. presented for information only to Commissioners
  - 2. County & Schools Summary Financial Statements for June 30, 2016: Presented.

#### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS, & COMMISSIONS:**

- A. Budget Committee Chairman, Commissioner Scarlett – Budget Committee recommendations  
Due to a recent change in the Budget Committee membership, Commissioner Tucker moved to suspend the rules and take the budget amendments before the full body without recommendation of the Budget Committee.

A vote was taken by a show of hands to suspend the rules and it **failed** 10-10. After the vote Budget Committee Chairman Scarlett made the following recommendations on behalf of the Budget Committee.

1. Budget Amendments

- a) County General Fund 101, Amendment #1, Items #1-8: **Approved** on a Roll Call vote 20-0 (in favor: all present).
  - b) County General Fund 101, Amendment #2, Items #1-6: **Approved** with no objection voiced.
  - c) County General Fund 101, Amendment #3, Items #1-2: **Approved** with no objection voiced.
  - d) County Hospital Fund 128, Amendment #1, Item #1: **Approved** on a Roll Call vote 20-0 (in favor: all present).
  - e) County Debt Service Fund 151, Amendment #1, Item #1: **Approved** with no objection voiced.
  - f) County Capital Fund 151, Amendment #1, Item #1: **Approved** with no objection voiced.
  - g) County Highway Fund 131, Amendment #1, Item #1: **Approved** with no objection voiced.
  - h) Schools General Purpose Fund 141, Amendment #2, Items #1-6: **Approved** with no objection voiced.
  - i) Schools General Purpose Fund 141, Amendment #3, Items #1-4: **Approved** on a Roll Call vote 20-0 (in favor: all present).
  - j) Schools Federal Purpose Fund 142, Amendment #2, Items #1-9: **Approved** with no objection voiced
  - k) Schools Food Service Fund 143, Amendment #1, Item #1: **Approved** with no objection voiced.
  - l) Schools Federal Purpose Fund 142, Amendment #3, Items #1-9: **Approved** with no objection voiced.
  - m) LIDAR/ORTHOS funding: This item was passed to the full commission for consideration without a recommendation from the Budget Committee. Mr. Larry Masters was present to answer questions on behalf of the Jefferson County GIS Consortium. Mr. Masters stated that the price for each entity was based on the size of their need be it service area or growth boundary area. Commissioner McGraw moves to fund the LIDAR/ORTHO in the amount requested from the GIS Consortium at \$25,198.00 for Jefferson County's share to be funded from the fund balance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Turner and with a Roll Call vote taken the motion **carried** 16-4 (in favor: Huffaker, Kesterson, Gaut, Baxley, Tabor, McGraw, Turner, Seals, Solomon, Blevins, Eslinger, Bales, Tucker, Carmichael, Beeler, and Sheets).
- B. Conservation Board Chairman, Commissioner Tucker – Conservation Board met and is requested direction from the full body as to its desire on how to move forward with the 17 acre tract of land in Dandridge by way of contacting other municipalities and possibly TVA to gather cost estimates and uses for the property, stating that they have reached a stopping point without further directions or funding for the project. Commissioner McGraw made a motion to grant authority to the Conservation Board to move forward in determining possible uses for the property. A second was provided by Commissioner Solomon and the motion **carried** with no opposition voiced.

**ITEMS OF INFORMATION FOR COMMISSIONERS**

- A. Commissioner Tucker: Tax Creep – Information sheet presented at work session.
- B. Baneberry VFD – Chief James “Donnie” Williford, July 2016 Activity Report: Presented.
- C. Chestnut Hill VFD – Chief George Owenby, July & August 2016 Activity Report: Presented.
- D. Dandridge VFD – Chief Andrew Riley, July & August 2016 Activity Report: Presented.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. LIDAR/ORTHOS Funding Request – Larry Masters, Jefferson County GIS Consortium: Addressed during the Budget Committee Reports.

*Commissioner Blevins left the meeting at this time*

## NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Commission Chairman Jimmy Carmichael, Department Quarterly Reports: Commissioner Seals moved to leave the Department Head Reporting requirements as they currently stand with no changes. Commissioner Solomon provided a second and the motion **carried** with no objection voiced. Commissioner Huffaker stated that she enjoyed seeing the reports from the fire departments and asked the Chair to request but not require regular reports from every Fire Department, the Chairman stated that he would make the request.
- B. Commissioner Beeler, Department of Education Building: “I am making a motion for the facilities committee to come up with a plan on what to do with the education building and a cost analysis at our October meeting”. A second was provided by Commissioner Musick and after considerable discussion a Roll Call vote was taken and the motion **carried** 17-2 (in favor: Huffaker, Kesterson, Douglas, Baxley, Musick, Tabor, McGraw, Turner, Solomon, Eslinger, Bales, Scarlett, Tucker, Carmichael, Seal, Beeler, and Sheets).
- C. Commissioner Scarlett, Library Funding: Commissioner Scarlett spoke of recent actions taken by the library board that were against county policy. Commissioner McGraw moved to fund the library at the current time and withhold funds at a later time if further problems occur in opposition to county policy. Commissioner Scarlett provided a second and after considerable discussion, Commissioner Bales called for the question. A Roll Call vote was taken and the motion **carried** 14-5 (in favor: Douglas, Baxley, Musick, Tabor, McGraw, Turner, Solomon, Eslinger, Bales, Scarlett, Carmichael, Seal, Beeler, and Sheets). Commissioner McGraw made a request that Finance Director Potts prepare some training information for all newly appointed board members to curtail some of these problems from reoccurring in the future, Mr. Potts acknowledged the request.
- D. Commissioner Scarlett, Clarification of Committee Terms – Commissioner Scarlett made a motion to amend the rules of the Jefferson County Commission by striking the word “October” and inserting “September” for when the Budget Committee would be formally set by Commission at the beginning of a new term. A second was provided by Commissioner Seal. After discussion of other rules that needed to be changed in light of this proposed change, Commissioner Tucker moved to refer this item for an AdHoc Rules Committee to correct all the rules to prevent the confusion in the future. The motion to refer to an AdHoc Rules Committee was seconded by Commissioner McGraw, and on a vote by show of hands, the motion to refer **carried** 14-5.
- E. Finance Director Potts,
  - 1. Contracts in Lieu of Performance Bonds – Annual Inflation Adjustments: Motion to approve by Commissioner Scarlett, seconded by Commissioner McGraw, **approved** with no objection voiced.
  - 2. County **Resolution 2016-39**, Surplus to Dispose: County Commission Office
  - 3. County **Resolution 2016-40**, Surplus to Dispose: Libraries
  - 4. County **Resolution 2016-41**, Surplus to Dispose: Archives

**Resolutions 2016-39, 2016-40, and 2016-41** were moved for approval by Commissioner Baxley, seconded by Commissioner Bales and **approved** with no objection voiced.
- F. **Resolution 2016-42**: Rezoning request from A-1 (Agriculture-Forestry) to C-2 (General Commercial) for property located on W. Old AJ Highway, New Market, Tennessee, owned by James & Teresia Murph (Map 032, Parcel 033.04). Commissioner Scarlett moved for approval, seconded by Commissioner McGraw. Commissioner Seals abstained and with no objection voiced **Resolution 2016-42** was **approved**.

- G. **Resolution 2016-43:** A Resolution urging the General Assembly of Tennessee to pass new law or amend current law to protect citizens from eminent domain abuse. Commissioner Seal moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner McGraw, Commissioner Beeler and Commissioner Turner Abstained, and with no objections voiced the **Resolution 2016-43** was **approved**.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Solomon, seconded by Commissioner Seals. The meeting was **adjourned** at 8:07 PM.